



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Animal Feeding Operation Updates



### Weather Got in Your Way?

### Options to complete MAC training this week

If you've been snow-bound, ice-bound or cold-bound, you still have some options to complete your manure applicator certificate training by March 1. Yes, that's Friday of this week. But don't panic.

If you need to renew a certificate, there are still some training options before the deadline to help you avoid paying the \$12.50 late fee.

The late fee and March 1 deadline do not apply if you are a new applicator, or a confinement site applicator completing annual training requirements.

**All applicators:** There are two education options for all manure applicators.

1. Contact the local [Iowa State University Extension](#) and Outreach office to watch a [scheduled video training](#). Registration ensures there will be space and training materials available.
2. Stay home and take advantage of [DNR's online training](#) and fee paying option. Go to the E-Learning course information on the DNR's [www.iowadnr.gov/manureapplicator](http://www.iowadnr.gov/manureapplicator) certification page. Please note: If your education completion certification doesn't show up right away, you will need to wait 24 hours, check the MAC database again, and then either pay fees online or print the completion certificate and mail fees in. This is a temporary issue that will be fixed soon.

**Confinement site applicators:** There are still a few live MAC training sessions. Check the Iowa Manure Management Action Group's ([IMMAG](#)) website for current offerings ending Feb. 28.

**Confinement and commercial applicators:** If you are renewing your certificate, you can take and pass a test in lieu of training. Please schedule a testing time at your local [DNR field office](#).

**Dry or solid manure handlers:** Whether commercial or confinement, the last dry manure applicators' workshop is scheduled today, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. in the Buena Vista County Extension office in Storm Lake. Please register with the county office. The online training also includes some dry manure training modules.

Find out more about the MAC program on DNR's [www.iowadnr.gov/manureapplicator](http://www.iowadnr.gov/manureapplicator) or the Iowa Manure Management Action Group's ([IMMAG](#)) websites.